



## **Negaunee Downtown Development Authority August 26, 2019 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by Nate Heffron at 6:00 PM, on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Negaunee Senior Center. Present were authority members Nate Heffron, Gary Nelson, Jeff Plummer, Pete Munson, Darrell Barber, Marybeth Kurtz, Scott Soeltner, Haley Thomas, and Maryhanna Ockerman. Absent: None.

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by DDA member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held on the following dates: June 24, 2019. Seconded by DDA member Haley Thomas. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Heffron gave an update on the Downtown Plan and TIF district and informed the DDA that both measures were adopted by Council.

Discussion was held on the proposed expansion of the Tax Increment Finance District. Heffron explain the process moving forwards. A meeting will be held with the County administration to work out a tax sharing agreement. A public hearing has been called for October 10, 2019, to discuss the proposed expansion of the TIF District.

Leigh Young, Organization Specialist of the Michigan Main Street Community Development program gave an overview of the Main Street Program in Michigan. She encouraged the DDA to review the material and look into becoming a Michigan Main Street Community. Comments by the DDA member showed support for the program. Heffron suggested that the DDA wait until the City became Redevelopment Ready Community before working on becoming a Michigan Main Street Community.

DDA Member Heffron handed out bylaws from various DDA's from around the state. The DDA formed a committee to review these bylaws and bring proposed bylaws to the DDA for review. Members of this committee consist of Nate Heffron, Pete Munson, Gary Nelson, Maryhanna Ockerman, and Haley Thomas.



DDA Member Heffron gave an update on projects occurring in the downtown area that the group should be aware of. Projects included the upcoming Senior Center Project, rehabilitation being done on the Vista, four façade projects, and the addition of the community pavilion.

The Next DDA meeting will be on September 23, 2019, at 6:00PM, at the Senior Center.

Public Comment:

Bob Hendrickson, Executive Director of Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Area Chamber of Commerce commented that he and the Chamber would be available to assist the DDA in anyway they can.

Anna Mattson commented that she would like to see the DDA consider working with the Beatification Committee on various projects.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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Nate Heffron